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QPIRG organizes tenants in the McGill Ghetto

by Carl Wilson

The McGill Ghetto is about to get its first tenants' association.

The Milton-Parc district, where McGill students, condo dwellers and co-op operatives live cheek-by-jowl, is now the last major area of the city without any association to protect residents from landlords.

But McGill's student-run Québec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) plans to change that.

After an initial survey of the neighbourhood last spring, QPIRG Housing Project staff and volunteers chose a building on Hutchinson street as representative of the kind of problems Ghetto tenants face.

This week, QPIRG returned to the building to build a more intensive campaign to unite its tenants. The results have left them optimistic.

"There was a lot of enthusiasm,"

says staff member Gary Saxe. "Many tenants reported similar problems in their apartments — cockroaches, stoves and showers that didn't work and the like. They need to unite to bring pressure on the landlord for repairs and fair rent."

QPIRG may use this building as the nexus for a network of housing activists who would work to change the way rental relationships are conducted throughout the area.

Project co-ordinator Daron Westman says the Ghetto is an area crying out for such action. "The level of ignorance is striking," he says. "Many people, especially students and immigrants, have never heard of the Régie de logement (Québec's housing control board), and most have no idea how to use it."

Because of the high level of transience and turnover in the neighbourhood, many students and other residents never get accurate infor-

mation about rent levels, leasing laws or needed repairs. Westman says Ghetto denizens need to organize to pass on information between generations of tenants.

"A lot of people just move out because they don't know how to deal with the situation," Saxe says. Out of the five or six tenants he spoke to yesterday, two were planning to move very soon.

Westman said QPIRG will also be looking beyond the problems of individual tenants.

"There's a lot of gentrification and condo-building going on there. This project could begin to get people in the community mobilized around that issue as well," he said.

QPIRG wants the project to provide aid for tenants and to involve students as citizens, "harnessing the University's resources to broaden the conception of its community," Westman says.

In addition, the group will look at McGill as a landlord, in the dis-

trict and in other parts of Montréal. That mandate includes examining how fraternities, residences and University-owned rental units are run in the Milton-Parc area.

For now, however, the Housing Project is concentrating on its Hutchinson pilot project. The building in question is mostly inhabited by people who speak Hindi or Chinese before French or English, so QPIRG will have to find ways of bridging the language gaps.

Saxe, who previously organized tenants' groups with Project Genesis in Notre Dame de Grace, is confident student and resident volunteers will be found to serve as translators and facilitators.

"This region was a big battle-front where residents took on developers before, and won, and created the Milton-Parc co-op, the largest in Canada," he noted.

"It can be that kind of a rallying point again, but we desperately need help," he said.



QPIRG housing project co-ordinator Daron Westman spawns new genesis of rental life in the McGill Ghetto with housing project's initiatives towards a tenants' association.

Tribune moves for more autonomy from student council

by Robin LeBaron

The *McGill Tribune* is seeking greater editorial independence from Students' Society, its publisher.

The campus paper was founded as a Students' Society newsletter, but will present a motion at council next week to alter its terms of reference.

Under the proposed new terms, the *Tribune* would no longer be obliged to serve as a forum for the opinions of Students' Society executives. And it would no longer be required to promote and advertise Students' Society activities.

"Granting special access to executives hurts us as a vehicle for the exchange of ideas for every member of the Society," according to assistant editor-in-chief, David Gruber.

Under the new terms of reference, the executive could submit letters — the publication of which is guaranteed — and articles, which would be printed at the discretion of the editorial board. But they would have no special claim to using the pages of the *Tribune* to communicate their intentions and ideas to the members of the Society.

These changes imply a new role for the *Tribune* on campus. The editors want to see the paper serving the interests of the Student

Society members rather than the Student Society executive. However, this leaves the executive and Students' Council without any organ of communication — exactly the problem the *Tribune* was created to solve when the *Daily* became autonomous in 1981.

The new terms also grant greater powers to the *Tribune*'s editor-in-chief. The editor would have the authority to dismiss editors without consulting the editorial board, and to refuse employment to casual and commissioned employees.

The Publications Manager, a member of the Students' Society staff, will also be made accountable to the *Tribune* editor-in-chief. Historically, Students' Society staff have been responsible only to the McGill administration and to Students' Society executive.

Students' Society VP Internal Joanna Wedge supports the new terms, and is not concerned about the executive losing its means to communicate with the campus.

"The proposed changes basically reflect the existing reality," she said.

The proposed terms of reference will be submitted to Students' Society council on November 22. Editor-in-chief Kelly Gallagher Mackay said she does not anticipate serious problems getting the terms ratified.

DAILY PHOTO: KATERINA CZEK



Tribune editors David Gruber and Kelly Gallagher-Mackay look towards expanded powers.

Supporters bussed to Mohawk trial

by Andrea Bain

The trial of 22 native hold-outs at the Oka Treatment Centre begins today at the St. Jerome Provincial Court.

Although the trial begins at 8h30, at least one busload of supporters — and possibly a second — is scheduled to leave Concordia's Hall Building for St. Jerome at 11h today

to show solidarity for the hold-outs. Natives from Kanahwake are also expected to attend.

Charges range from assaulting an officer to being masked during the commitment of a crime. One Native has 24 charges against him.

The trip is being organized by Indigenous Peoples International, a support group at Concordia Uni-

versity. Organizers are charging three dollars to cover bussing expenses.

"It's a show of support for the natives," said Mohawk organizer Lana LeFort. "A large, sympathetic audience can have a lot of impact when sentencing takes place."

The bus leaves St. Jerome at 18h. For more information phone 761-6749.

TODAY'S EVENTS

"Poets and Love at the Court of Lorenzo the Magnificent" is a lecture by McGill's R. Leporatti. Birks 111, 3520 University. 12h30.

Hillel Book Club opening meeting. Bring suggestions for readings to share. 3460 Stanley. 17h30.

Finance Club meeting in Leacock 232. 18h.

Black Students' Network present the video, "In Living

Colour," followed by discussion of what the newest Black TV show means to us. Union 401. 18h.

"Reform or Revolution?" The International Socialists meet today in Union 425/6, 3480 McTavish. Info: 284-6834. 19h.

Lashon Hakodesh. Haifa U's Tevi Inbal explores the Divine aspect of the Hebrew language. Hillel House, 3460 Stanley. Info: Yakov at 845-9171. 19h30.

Outing Club meeting in Leacock 16. 19h30.

"Repulsion"—a FREE presentation by the Film Society of Roman Polanski's first English language film. Frank Dawson Adams Auditorium. 19h30.

Eckankar Satsang Society of Mtl presents video/discussion: "Your Universe of Dreams." Union 302. 19h30.

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dio Free Vestibule will try to make you laugh. Tickets available at Sadie's: \$8.00 with McGill I.D., \$12.00 general admission. Info: 398-6795. Leacock 132. 20h.

FREE Music. McGill Sinfonietta, McGill Chamber Singers and Cappella Nuova, directed by Fred Stoltzfus play works by Schönberg, Brahms, Distler and Vivaldi. Redpath Hall (in the library complex). 20h.

Jazz Workshop. Ernie Nelson, director. FREE. Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke W. 20h.

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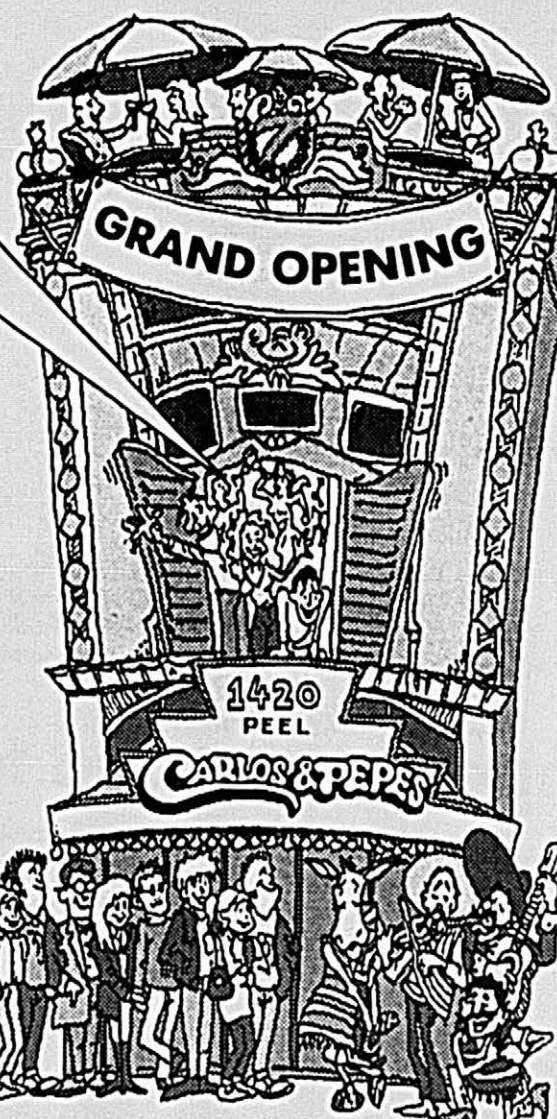


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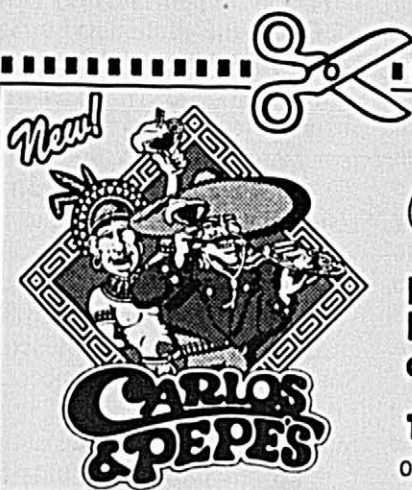
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CEGEP students polled on Québec sovereignty

by Heidi Modro

(CUP) — For the next three weeks, the walls of Québec colleges will be plastered with posters calling on students to cast their votes in a mini-referendum campaign on sovereignty.

Tired of waiting for politicians to decide what Québec's status should be within Canada, 25 of the province's 45 CEGEPs have launched their own campaign on the fate of the province.

"We want to send a very loud and clear message to Québec City, to tell politicians what students want," said Martin Gauthier, a member of la Coalition Etudiante sur l'Avenir du Québec (the Student Coalition on Québec's Future). "We're fed up with politicians ignoring what we have to say about our future."

Gauthier said the coalition, which is not affiliated with any political party, was formed early this fall when students realized the government would not invite them to

sit on the Belanger-Campeau Commission, the official panel on Québec's political future.

The referendum ballot will be the same for all colleges, and will consist of one question asking students whether they support Québec sovereignty. Student organizers are planning a one-week information campaign of panel discussions and video presentations before the vote November 27 to 29.

"We expect more than seventy thousand students to vote during the referendum, so we feel that we have to do our utmost to properly inform them about all the implications of Québec sovereignty," he said.

The Parti Québécois sees the referendum as an indication that students want Québec to become independent.

"Students wouldn't go through the tremendous effort of holding referendums throughout Québec if they didn't want sovereignty," said Joseph Facal, president of the PQ's

youth wing.

The death of Meech Lake and the watering down of Québec's language law after the enactment of Bill 178 has created a whole new generation of youth who want Québec to leave Confederation, Facal said.

"Québec's youth feels rejected by the rest of Canada. They're angry, disappointed and they want out."

He expects results from the province-wide referendum to show overwhelming support for that position. In a referendum last spring at CEGEP Edouard-Monpetit, more than 88 per cent of students voted for sovereignty, he said.

According to Gauthier, anglophone colleges and universities have also been invited to participate in the referendum.

"The organizing committee is even thinking of preparing the referendum question in English," he said. "We want as many people as

possible to have their voices heard."

So far only Marianopolis College has accepted the offer. "It was a close vote but (the student council) thought it would be in the best interest of Marianopolis students to get involved in a national debate," said Michael Vathilakis, a Marianopolis council executive.

Facal said he foresees anglophone colleges being less enthusiastic about the vote than francophone colleges.

"But you never know, the results may show some startling results in favour of sovereignty," he said. "Attitudes towards Québec independence have changed among anglophones."

None of the province's universities have yet joined the campaign. L'Université du Québec à Montréal will decide next week whether to join in, while the Université de Montréal has decided to only hold a survey on the question of sovereignty.

The province-wide Federation des Etudiants et Etudiantes du Québec, which represents some 55,000 university students, will not call on its members to hold referendums, said its president, Nicolas Plourde.

"We've decided not to take a position on the question of sovereignty," Plourde said. "We have a very diverse membership with both francophone and anglophone students and we feel we can't favour one position over another."

But Plourde said the federation will consult members to see whether they favor sovereignty or some form of association with the rest of Canada. The survey will later be presented during a public hearing of the Belanger-Campeau Commission.

Once the results are in, it will be up to each student association to decide whether it should promote independence or federalism, Gauthier said.



Students all across the country are embracing the environment... and sometimes each other.

Youth go on tour to inspire environmental awareness

by Anders Hayden

A Canadian youth group is touring the country in an effort to inspire Canadian youth and raise awareness about ecological issues. They hit Montréal high schools last week.

The Student Action for a Viable Environment (SAVE) Tour is a student-organized project aiming to empower young people to take action. The tour also hopes to link student networks, such as the Environmental Youth Alliance.

"The point of the tour is to turn enough students on so that they go out and seek solutions," said Amy Newton-McCann, a 17 year-old Montréal and tour participant.

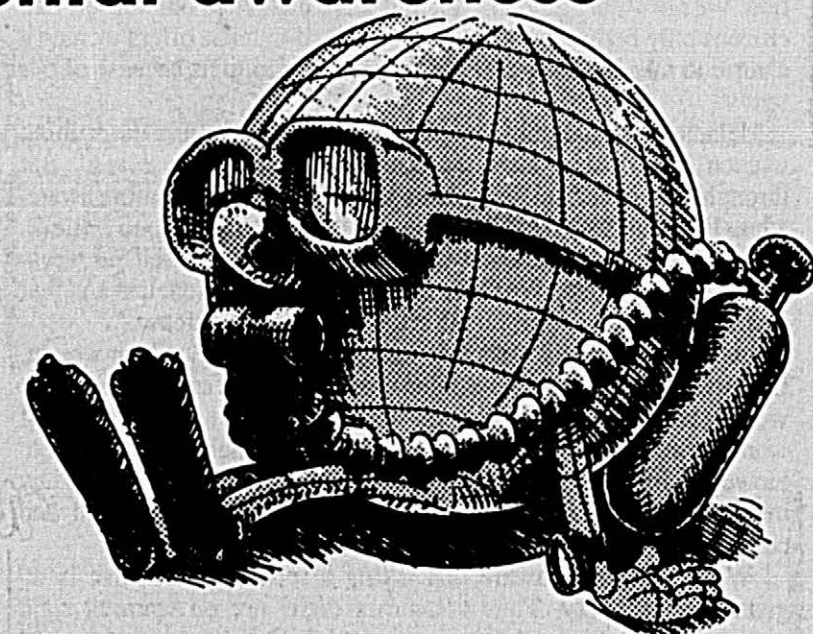
The cross-Canada tour began at the end of September and will run until May, 1991, reaching some 300 000 students. Participants are all between the ages of 17 and 19.

Newton-McCann hopes the tour will force people to re-examine their attitudes and expectations about careers, consumption and political action.

The tour's presentations give examples of successful environmental action taken by young people, cases of students pressuring their school administrations and municipal councils to initiate environmental projects like recycling and composting. In Sudbury, an area devastated by acid rain, students took direct action by spreading lime on the hills to neutralize the effects of the acid.

"You can't expect all 500 people to do serious soul-searching," she said, "but when they go away there are a lot of people who do think about it."

She said the tour has already motivated groups of students to take action. Environment clubs were



practically non-existent at the schools SAVE-Tour visited in Northern Ontario, but several have been set up since their presentations.

"I'm not sure what the best way is of getting people to change attitudes," says Newton-McCann, "but you can't just tell them to change." Focusing on success stories is important to help students come up with their own ideas for action. The tour participants, being the same age as the audience, act as a powerful example.

At first, tour participants were concerned about overwhelming students with too many urgent problems. After a few presentations at schools in Northern Ontario, however, they realized there was still a need for emphasizing the urgency of the environmental crisis.

"People had heard about ozone depletion, the greenhouse effect and tropical deforestation," said Newton-McCann, "but they weren't very well informed." She said this was particularly true outside large

cities.

Still, the tour has encountered some negative reactions. "One guy in Kirkland Lake, Ontario (a town which relies heavily on logging and mining) stood up and said 'You can't tell my Dad to start sustainable logging.' His attitude was 'Who are you to come here and tell us about environmental problems?'," said Newton-McCann.

"I understand this. We're talking about major changes and some people will have a hard time adjusting," she said.

But Newton-McCann doesn't doubt that what she is doing is right. "I know these changes have to come," she says. "Our society believes in eternal growth and that cannot work."

It can be really draining to respond to students who are cynical about power, she said. "Some believe that politicians and industry will never listen. But I know people come out of the presentation with more optimism. I've become more optimistic just doing the tour, even about major changes."

Free courses give women power to protect themselves

opinion by Rachel Rose

Women of Montréal, did you know that volunteers are teaching a free self-defense class on Saturdays at Marianopolis CEGEP? This is encouraging, as the need for self-defense for women is acute. In the face of the recent domestic attacks and murders in Montréal, it is time to highlight positive action like this class.

Adolfo Gomez, a karate black belt and student of aikido and jujutsu, began the class two years ago after a friend was sexually assaulted. Gomez was frustrated at his powerlessness to help her. "Here was somebody who mattered to me, and after all those years of martial arts I couldn't protect her at all. Then I started thinking that maybe I could do something."

Gomez did something about it. That was two years ago, and the class has been meeting regularly ever since. Basic techniques of self-defense are taught through repetition and building on previous knowledge. Although many techniques are based on the martial arts, the emphasis is on the practical and is geared to the needs of beginners. All volunteers have many years' experience in the martial arts, and all of them have a similar goal: helping women learn to defend themselves.

Abusing women is unacceptable. But it is not going to stop soon. Every woman knows how it feels to be whistled at, pinched or grabbed. Many of us know personally the terror of an attack, a rape, a molestation. We are often afraid to walk alone, are trapped in our houses, free citizens only before the sun goes down. Self-defense offers women a chance to take back some of the security denied to us because of our sex.

Melanie, a woman now taking the class, says "I just don't think women believe they have the option to protect themselves." But through taking the course, Melanie feels more confident, more aware, a less likely victim. This is exactly what volunteers hope to achieve. Says Jerry Smith, "I believe that there is an instinct for self-preservation inside everyone. We focus on channeling the adrenaline and fear that an attack provokes into effective strategies of defense."

It is empowering for women to take down a man twice their weight. Unfortunately, there are no women volunteers to act as role models for women taking the class. A course like this becomes much stronger if women can learn from strong, inspirational women as well as men. However, for women who feel comfortable being taught defense by men, this class provides an opportunity to grow in strength and confidence.

Women must be aware that taking a self-defense course is no guarantee of safety. Thus volunteers focus not on learning rigid techniques, but the flexibility to react in different situations. As stated by Melanie, a woman presently taking the class: "I am more aware, more confident. I know I am not indestructible, but I also know I can respond more quickly. Recently I was harassed while walking home by a guy wearing only a t-shirt. I was scared to death inside, but I knew I had options. The confidence I had gained from the class kicked in and I feel it enabled me to escape without being harmed."

It is refreshing to see people taking action in the face of inequality. It is even more important to have the class non-profit and available to all women. Gomez says, "It's ridiculous to charge for something like a self-defense class. Women who need it most are often those who can't pay for it."

A lot of women don't know that such a class exists. "A lot of women are scared," Melanie says, "but they don't know what to do about it. That's why I'm happy about the class — it lets women know that they have the option to protect themselves."

In our violent society, women must be encouraged to take this option. Women wanting more information can call Adolfo Gomez at 637-6341. Classes are Saturdays 12 noon at Marianopolis CEGEP, 3880 Cote des Neiges (937-0265).



DAILY PHOTO: JANICE WRIGHT

Women practice self-defence in free courses Saturdays at Marianapolis.

LETTERS

Socialists support clause

To the Daily:

The members of the International Socialists unanimously support the proposed affirmative action clause. We believe that groups whose goals are to ameliorate the conditions experienced by minority and disadvantaged groups should have the right to limit their membership if they deem it essential in realizing their goals.

Hopefully other McGill students will support the clause and join the struggle to end discrimination whether it be based on race, sex, language, sexual orientation or class.

Chris Read

International Socialists

Shame on Mr. Roslin

To the Daily:

Editors, your role of keeping at least a semblance of accuracy and integrity in this paper's articles consistently falls by the wayside when it comes to Mr. Alex Roslin's columns.

His latest article (and possibly his most shameless and egregious at that), *Palestinian Nation Building*... Nov. 7, displays not an ounce of professional, balanced reporting. It seems to be Mr. Roslin's ugly habit to seek out only the most vicious and virulent of anti-Israel sources in his articles. Furthermore, it doesn't take one long to come across some glaring distortion due to Mr. Roslin's omission or even occasional fabrication of facts.

No, Mr. Roslin, the PLO's goal before 1973 was not a secular, inclusive state in Palestine. It was, as its leaders proclaimed proudly over and

over again, to drive the Jews into the sea and 'recapture' Palestine. Maybe you just weren't listening closely enough, though I find that hard to believe.

No, Mr. Roslin, the Intifada is hardly "a model of democratic methods," unless you consider internecine repression, censorship and murder democratic ideals. I don't know where you've been for the past couple of years, Alex, but you can open up any newspaper these days and read that more than a third of the casualties in the Intifada have been due to Palestinians killing Palestinians, either to silence critics of the "glorious revolution," or for personal motives.

That's over 200 dead. I would wholeheartedly agree with you and Mr. Mahsi that Palestinians need the protection of UN forces, but those forces would be better served protecting Palestinians from other Palestinians than from Israelis. However, democracy is certainly a relative notion. Compared to most other Arab societies, the Intifada movement has been a virtual paragon of democracy.

Yes, Mr. Roslin, the Palestinian movement and its leadership have been linked to other "struggles," most notably such valiant movements as the IRA, the Japanese Red Army, select East European secret services, as well as Abu Nidal, the PFLP, and various repressive Arab governments.

And this litany of distortions is far from complete.

Mr. Roslin, there is nothing wrong with holding an anti-Israel viewpoint and presenting it in your column, but journalistic ethics demand that you allow the other side to present its case.

Until this is done, you will continue to be a figure of scorn to this paper's readers.

Allan Friedman

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Shame on everybody (and me, too)

To the Daily:

Recently, this paper has been used as a forum to express both anti-Israel and anti-Palestine propaganda. Although I myself am guilty of this, I've decided to take a "hypocritical" stance and condemn it. I am referring specifically to the historical facts behind Shamir's dealings with the Stern gang.

It is futile to argue about the past, when the present is in such a precarious position. Let us use this paper as a forum to discuss peaceful solutions for the future, rather than just trying to defame those who may make that future.

This is a university. Let's pool together our multi-faceted knowledge and experience to find answers instead of creating new problems.

Oren Richman

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Money matters

To the Daily:

Congratulations on your cash surplus of \$56 432 for 1990. Now I don't want to hear another word about students being gouged by fee hikes until you roll your fees back to what they were in 1960.

Jim Smith

Physics U3

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Auditor's loan carps fishy, students say

by Andy Riga

OTTAWA (CUP) — The administrators of the Canada Student Loans Program got a tongue lashing in the latest report on federal government spending, but student leaders say the auditor general missed the point.

In his annual report, presented to Parliament October 30, Auditor general Ken Dye ripped into the Department of the Secretary of State for failing to deal with serious inefficiencies and a lack of adequate controls in the program twenty-six years after its inception.

Saying one in six students default on their loans, the report urged the department to be "more aggressive" in tracing students who don't pay their loans back.

But the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) says the department should be spending its time trying to make Canada's colleges and universities more accessible, not tracking down students who can't cough up money they owe.

"Pointing out the default rates is good but we see the number of defaults as proof that the (loan) system isn't working," said Silvia Sioufi, a CFS researcher.

She said the current program is confusing and should be simplified. Students aren't given enough information from banks and student aid offices. "We should be talking about making it easier to get loans," Sioufi said.

In fact, CFS wants loans scrapped in favor of grants. Canada is one of the few countries in the western world that doesn't have a national system of grants, the national student federation says in its *Strategy for Change* document.

Almost half of Canada's 500 000 full-time post-secondary students outside Québec use the CSLP. Québec opted out of the plan and administers its own program.

Under the CSLP — which in 1988-89 approved \$551 million in student loans — the federal government guarantees loans made by banks. Provincial aid programs complement the CSLP, which is administered in cooperation with the provinces.

Interest on the loans is paid by the federal government for six months after a student leaves school, when the loan must be repaid, with interest. An additional 18-month grace period may be granted, which Sioufi said is not well-publicized.

Between 1964 and 1989, the government was forced to reimburse lenders \$858 million that students didn't pay back. Of that, only about \$300 million has been recovered.

According to the auditor general, the federal government should ensure "more aggressive follow-up and collection." It recommends using the U.S. system: American students who have outstanding debts have their tax refunds withheld.

Reacting to these findings, Liberal post-secondary education critic Ron Duhamel said the "inadequate" loan program must be revamped so that "every single Canadian who



meets the criteria" has access to post-secondary education.

"When you borrow money, you have to repay it," Duhamel said, "but the program should be more flexible to make it easier for students who can't find work or can't afford to pay their loan back quickly."

He said that instead of "tinkering" with the program, the government should review the program from top to bottom and make immediate changes.

Minimizing losses

Len Westerberg, an aide to Secretary of State Gerry Weiner, said critics should put the loan program in proper perspective.

"Since 1964, \$6 billion in loans has gone out to two million students. If we didn't do it, it's very unlikely that they would get loans," because banks consider students a "high risk," he said.

He also said the number of defaults is relatively low. The reported number of defaulting students may be misleading, Westerberg said, because the government eventually catches up to all but about four per cent of students who owe money.

The department is encouraging banks to be "more thorough in counseling students in financial planning," to help them become

more responsible borrowers, he said.

The Department of the Secretary of State is also changing policies to improve collection and minimize losses, Westerberg said.

Beginning next September, students' credit ratings will be affected when they default on their loans. According to Westerberg, the new policy will make students think twice about defaulting on their loan.

And, ostensibly to help recoup the costs of defaulted loans, the department announced a three per cent "administrative fee" on student loans last December. The surcharge will be tacked onto student loans beginning next August.

Westerberg said the new fee will force students to take their loans seriously, and give them a "better understanding of the program."

CFS has been lobbying to stop the loan surcharge, arguing that it hurts those who need help the most — those who have to borrow to pay for their education.

Sioufi said the three per cent tax is simply another example of the federal government making it harder for students to get loans.

"It's just another user fee — like tuition, incidental and lab fees." The fee will also add to students' debt burden, she said.

According to Secretary of State statistics, in 1987-88, 29.3 per cent

of final-year students with federal loans had debts of over \$5 000, 13.9 per cent over \$10 000 and 4.6 over \$15 000.

No clear strategy

Sioufi was pleased the auditor general's report noted that the Tory government lacks a clear policy on post-secondary education.

Dye criticized the government for the "absence of an overall federal strategy and approach to post-secondary education, and of a clear definition of the federal government's... role."

Although education is a provincial responsibility, the federal government provides much of the funding for post-secondary education through transfer payments, as well as administering the CSLP.

"Finally people are talking about (the fact that) the federal government has no clear strategy for education," Sioufi said.

According to CFS, Brian Mulroney's government will have cut back \$3.2 billion on post-secondary education spending by the end of his second term.

CFS wants the federal government to play a larger role in education by taking over the allocation of the payments it now transfers to provincial control. It is also calling for the creation of a federal post-secondary education ministry to set national standards.

Secret poll on school spending

by Jacques Poitras

(CUP) — A federal poll, never made public by the government shows that a majority of Canadians believe the federal government should spend more money on post-secondary education.

Documents obtained under the Access to Information Act reveal the federal government had the poll results a full month before it slashed transfer payments to the provinces for education.

The poll, conducted for the federal department of finance in January 1990, showed 52 per cent of respondents believed federal education funding to the provinces should increase at the rate of inflation.

"It's clear to me Canadian society makes education a priority and they want to tell their government to make education a priority," said Christoph Sicking, deputy chair of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

Only 26 per cent supported freezing funding. Nine per cent favored reducing it and 13 per cent wanted it increased above the inflation rate.

Bill C-69, currently being studied by a Senate committee, will lower the increase in payment by \$870 million this year and \$1.54 billion in 1991-92. By 1993-94, funding will grow only 2.7 per cent.

John Fieldhouse, press assistant to Finance Minister Michael Wilson, noted funding will continue to increase although at a rate likely below that of inflation.

"Mr. Wilson would like more funding for post-secondary education," said Fieldhouse, but the large federal deficit makes it impossible.

"Those are the circumstances in which he has to make this difficult decision."

Howard McCurdy, the NDP's post-secondary education critic, said the Conservative government made the cuts because transfer payments are a complex procedure many people don't understand.

While most Canadians would agree with better funding, he said, cutting payments won't get a strong response from voters because of the complexity.

"They (the government) will get away with anything they can get away with," he said.

Another poll taken after the budget was released showed 70 per cent of Canadians considered the transfer payment cuts a bad decision.

Among 12 measures adopted in the budget, it was the least popular in the poll. Only 12 per cent considered it a good decision.

"This is no different than a whole host of government action that has flown in the face of Canadian opinion," McCurdy said.

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